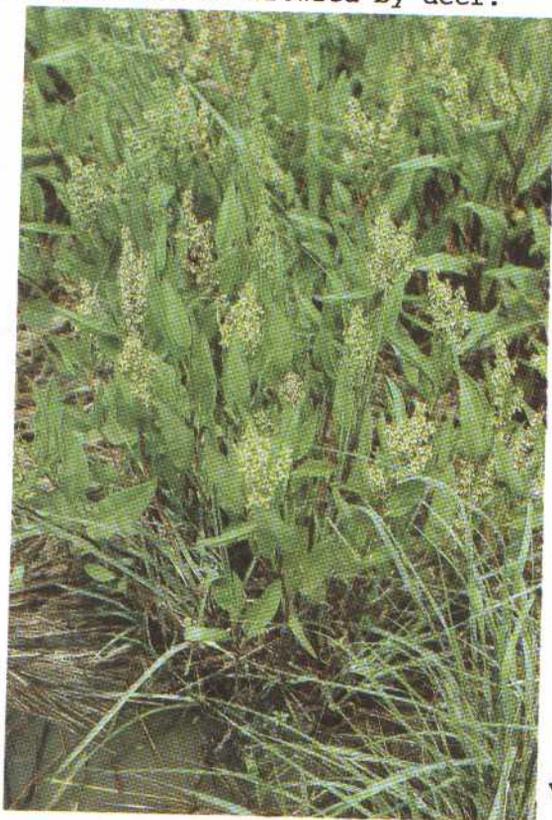


SWAMP DOCK  
*Rumex verticillatus*

Located in wet or inundated swamps, along margins of streams and pools, and in standing water throughout the Division. Also known as Water Dock.

An erect, smooth, pale, perennial, arising from a deep tap-root; 0.5 to 1.5 m high. Stems generally unbranched, stout, grooved, and bending with age. Leaves are alternate, oblong to lance-shaped, tapering at both ends, long-stalked, toothless, thick when young, becoming papery when dry; 5 to 30 cm long. Flowers are small, individually distinguishable, green, clustered in whorls on drooping stalks along an erect spike; blooming from May to July. The small fruit which ripen from June to September are prominently 4-winged from top to bottom.

The seeds may be eaten by various birds and small mammals, the vegetation is browsed by deer.



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